

BI Executive Sponsor Meeting Notes

January 22, 2016

Attending: Kathy Luker, Mark Treiber, David Stack, Jason Fishbain, Gigi Koenig, Ilya Yakovlev, Lorie Docken, Bob Beck, Jocelyn Milner, Sue Traxler, Werner Gade, Anne Milkovich, Steve Reed, Chip Eckardt, Lynsey Schwabrow, Bruce Maas, Elena Pokot, Barb Holschbach for Sheryl Van Gruensven, Katie Jore

Facilitator: Kathy Luker

Note taker: Mary Kirk

1. Feedback Items

Please email to Kathy and Mark feedback on the following:

- Regular Executive Sponsor meeting dates
- New BI Tool Day
- BI Project Charter

2. Presentation on BI to CSRG Budget Committee Next Week

Kathy and David are preparing a presentation (Anne will review) in support of all campuses focusing on the overview of the BI initiative, with specific attention on the risks/impacts to campuses if no funding is available (providing quantifiable numbers/costs and “real life” examples of the impact). A suggestion was made to make sure the presentation is framed appropriately so it aligns with the project goals. Campus BI Executive Sponsors should reach out privately to their corresponding campus budget committee member (see the ppt slide for a list of budget committee members).

3. Review PPT slides

a. OBIEE 12c Scope Definition

Slide should reflect what the initial budget covers (shared query content), and that the new BI initiative budget request covers dimensional data modeling, semantic layer development and additional training.

Can we leverage what UW-Platteville has already done with student content?

b. Structure

c. OBIEE Timeline

System Administrator training will occur in late February/early March (Tim Lehmann from DoIT's DRMT group). Then, we need to focus on security, installation and configuration of the tool. Much needs to be learned and discussed before we have firmness on the timeline; however, Kathy and Mark will attempt to author a document that states what campuses can expect.

4. Discussion / Decision Items

a. Determining a “Hard Stop” for IR - June 2017 was arbitrarily chosen by Sasi. Should it be extended to April 2018?

- Much analysis needs to be done of current content by all campuses, the availability of semantic layer developers, and the readiness of the data structures.
- Mike Vavrus has commented that the IR Workspace has been stable lately. Although the software is old, it would most likely be manageable if the shared queries and user community of these queries were off by June 2017.
- Discussion on the IE browser support issue with IR: IR does work in IE 10 and IE11 in compatibility mode (see DoIT KB document 29273 for IE10, and 35591 for IE11). IE12 will be released this fall.
- Kathy, Mary and several members of DoIT’s InfoAccess team had a discussion with Scott Powell (BI technical expert at OSU). He has worked for the last 3 years on their OBIEE HR data analytics project. Moving forward, they’re trying to standardize more on the out-of-the-box EPM data model they purchased. Having a standardized model across student, HR, and finance is the end goal; they are just now starting with their student implementation. He will be sending us a snapshot of their HR data model.
- How will the shared queries be converted? Oracle had indicated in the requirements process that SQL could be imported and used to create queries – is this viable process to use to speed up content development? Does Oracle have any project plans they can share? These questions will be discussed at next week’s BI Planning Committee meeting. Robert Flum may also be able to answer specific questions such as these.
- Project planning: Anne indicated they are using a tool in project planning to create a work breakdown structure. Are other campuses doing this? Mark is working on creating a shared document location to store any campus specific plans and documents.

Decision: Consider extending the “hard stop” for IR without maintenance support to April 2018. Campuses will prepare their own timelines for further project level timeline analysis.

- b. Discussion item for next meeting: What does success look like for your campus when considering the move from Interactive Reporting Workspace to Oracle’s OBIEE 12c?
- c. Discussion item for next meeting: What should we call the UW System Common BI software?

5. Next meeting: February 4. Kathy is on vacation; Mark Treiber will facilitate.